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Board of Dietitians and Nutritionists
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Dietitians and Nutritionists Application–Course Summary Form Instructions

All applicants are required to have a Bachelor's Degree, or higher, for licensure. If your major course of study was in dietetics and nutrition, human nutrition, nutrition education, public health nutrition, or a very similar field, you are not required to complete the Course Summary Form. If your degree is in some other area, you must submit to the Board a detailed list of your courses. The following instructions apply:

1. In accordance with the Board's Statutes and Regulations, your educational preparation must include the following:

Biological Sciences: 9 semester hours, which must include

Human Anatomy and Physiology, or equivalent,
Microbiology, or equivalent

and

Chemistry: 6 semester hours, which must include

Biochemistry, or equivalent,

and

Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester hours (e.g., Psychology, Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, Counseling, or Ed. Psychology),

and

Foods and Nutrition: 24 semester hours which must include at least 3 semester hours in each of the following categories:

- a. Diet Therapy, Medical Dietetics, Clinical Nutrition, or equivalent.
- b. Nutrition through the Life Cycle, Applied Human Nutrition, Advanced Human Nutrition, or equivalent.
- c. Foods, Food Science, Food Composition and Menu Planning, Food Service Management, or equivalent.

2. On the form, annotate those courses that were successfully completed. Each course should be indicated in your official transcript(s).
3. Enter your school's course designation and title.
4. Enter the credits awarded in the system used by your school; the Board will convert trimester and quarter hours to semester equivalents.
5. Submit the Course Summary Form with your completed application.